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## METEOROLOGY

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### CALIBRATION OF PHOTOELECTRIC AEROSOL SPECTROMETERS

Moscow IZVESTIYA AKADEMII NAUK SSSR: FIZIKA ATMOSFERY I OKEANA in Russian Vol 21, No 8, Aug 85 (manuscript received 6 Dec 83) pp 890-892

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[Abstract] A method is suggested for determining a new calibration characteristic of photoelectric aerosol spectrometers  $d_{eff}(r)$ , allowing calculation of the geometric characteristics of the working volume of the device as a function of particle sizes of aerosol particles present in the air sample being studied. The use of this characteristic in the processing of measurement data can significantly decrease the error in determination of aerosol concentration, in some cases increasing the upper limit of measurable concentration by more than an order of magnitude. Figure 1; references 4 Russian. [10-6508]

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### FEATURES OF METROLOGICAL SUPPORT FOR LIDAR RAMAN SCATTERING SPECTROSCOPY FOR MONITORING ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

Moscow IZMERITELNAYA TEKHNIKA in Russian No 5, May 85 pp 56-57

IVANOV, Ye.K., KOLVENKOV, V.A., KONOPELKO, L.A. and RASTOSKUYEV, V.V.

[Abstract] Lidar Raman scattering spectroscopy is a promising direction in the monitoring of atmospheric pollution. The use of powerful lasers and modern image converters is making it possible to realize the advantages of Raman scattering spectroscopy: the possibility of simultaneous remote monitoring of a large number of polluting components with a single laser with a limit of detection on the order of  $1 \cdot 10^{-4}$  with a range 100 m. Raman scattering spectroscopy is therefore especially promising for the monitoring of pollution from factory stacks, highways, etc. The principle for lidar Raman scattering spectroscopy is reviewed. An analysis of the total error in measuring concentration of the component determined by this method reveals that the principal contribution to this error is from systematic errors since

the random components can be decreased with an increase in the number of pulses (sounding time). The greatest contribution to the total error is from components associated with determination of relative atmospheric transmission (transparency) at the lidar and Raman scattering spectroscopy frequencies. These components arise due to unmonitorable changes in atmospheric transparency along the sounding path. The article gives an evaluation of these error components. The evaluation was made for three wavelengths:  $\lambda = 0.266, 0.532$  and  $0.694 \mu\text{m}$  for meteorological ranges of visibility of 5-20 km with allowance for molecular scattering. The large errors make control gas mixtures (in combination with short cells), simulating a polluted path, a poor means for calibration. In calibrating such lidars it is best to employ a method using atmospheric nitrogen or oxygen. Calibration is based on the universality of Raman scattering processes for all chemical compounds making up the atmosphere and on the constancy of the partial pressures of nitrogen and oxygen. The calibration method is described in detail. For calibration of such lidars it is desirable that a data bank be formed of Raman scattering sections for the principal atmospheric pollutants. Tables 2; references 7: 5 Russian, 2 Western.  
[384-5303]

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# METHODS IN METROLOGICAL SUPPORT OF LASER SOUNDERS FOR MONITORING ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

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GORELIK, D.O., YENGOYAN, T.M., KOZINTSEV, V.I., KONOPELKO, L.A., MOROZOVA, M.M. and SILNITSKIY, A.F.

[Abstract] A block diagram of the "Elektronika-02" lidar is given and structure and functioning of this instrument (which can be used in monitoring atmospheric pollutants) are discussed in detail. The processing of signals and computation of pollutant concentrations is accomplished automatically using an electronic unit for the registry and processing of data. The principal task in the experimental study of the metrological characteristics of the lidar is a determination of the random component of the measurement error. A program and method for metrological certification were developed for the "Elektronika-02" lidar. Several possible methods for lidar calibration are discussed. The authors found that the best calibration method is computation of the values of an analytical signal both for the atmosphere and for a short cell with allowance for the spectral distribution of laser radiation and the values of the absorption coefficients for nitrogen dioxide for different wavelengths. Specific details of calibration procedures are given in detail. In the course of metrological certification of this lidar the following metrological characteristics were established: range of measurements of concentration of nitrogen dioxide  $0.4\text{--}10.0 \text{ mg/m}^3$ ; length of polluted segment of sounding path not more than 200 and not less than 1,000 m for the upper ( $10 \text{ mg/m}^3$ ) and lower ( $0.4 \text{ mg/m}^3$ ) measurement limits respectively; main reduced error in measuring

nitrogen dioxide not more than 20%; stability and variation of lidar readings not more than 10%; number of measurements which can be averaged automatically, 2-99; time required for a single measurement not more than 20 s. A procedure was also proposed for periodic checking of the lidar during its operation. Figures 1, tables 1; references: 4 Russian. [384-5303]

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## PROBLEMS IN MONITORING ATMOSPHERIC OZONE

Moscow IZMERITELNAYA TEKHNIKA in Russian No 5, May 85 pp 46-48

BUTKEVICH, V.I., SKVORTSOVA, G.V. and SHALAMYANSKIY, A.M.

[Abstract] The measurement of atmospheric ozone is presently accomplished on the basis of a number of completely different principles. The spectrophotometric method has the greatest accuracy, but in international comparisons the discrepancies are 5-6%. In order to determine mean annual trends and in solving many other important problems it is necessary to measure total ozone content with a relative error no more than 1%. However, the errors in new measurement methods and methods for calibrating ozonometers are considerably greater. In the USSR total ozone content is measured by instruments having different operating principles and different methods for determining total ozone content. In addition to instrumental errors there are systematic errors which are difficult to determine and compensate, primarily due to a lack of reliable information on the absorption spectrum of ozone in a wide range of pressures and temperatures. The authors have attempted solution of such problems by laboratory modeling of measurement conditions. This was done using a light source having a spectral distribution of the density of radiation in the working range 290-350 nm. The atmospheric layer is simulated in a cell placed between the light source and the ozonometers to be certified. A block diagram (with 22 components identified) of the unit for calibrating spectral ozonometers is given and discussed in detail. Particular attention was given to measurements of absorption coefficients at a wavelength of 253.7 nm; pertinent data are tabulated. It is shown that the WMO requirements on the accuracy of certification and calibration of ozonometers can be met by using a measurement system based on the UV absorption method. Its realization is dependent primarily on the precise and certified value of the ozone absorption coefficient at the wavelength of the used light source, in particular, of the mercury line 253.7 nm. Figures 1, tables 1; references 18: 16 Russian, 2 Western. [384-5303]

## RADAR AIDS TYPHOON ASSESSMENT

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[Text] Kharkov. A unique radar, which has been designed by scientists at the Kharkov Institute of Radio Physics and Electronics of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences, makes it possible to spot the birth of a typhoon from space, to calculate its power and direction. With the help of the radar, which has been installed on board the Soviet satellites Cosmos-1500 and Cosmos-1602, it is possible to assess the strength of a typhoon and take precautionary steps in good time.

According to Anatoliy Kalmykov, who is in charge of the work, "the radar can survey a strip as wide as 500 km. This means that we can observe the entire structure of a typhoon. Photographs clearly show, for example, the so-called "eye" of a typhoon--an area of motionless water in the center, with winds raging about it. The gigantic whirlwind races along with the speed of an express train. It is very important to assess the power of the hurricane speedily and accurately. The space radar system which has been designed at the institute can do this."

The scientist disclosed that the system is based on the laws governing the reflection of radio waves from the ocean surface. The strength of the wind and the power of the hurricane are measured by the height of the wave. Darkness and cloud cover are no handicap to the radar--it can make out objects with a size of about one kilometer. The system can be applied in a very wide variety of economic spheres. It has been used successfully to convoy ships through ice on the Northern Sea Route and in experiments to determine the limits of spring river flooding and the structure and composition of agricultural crops.

Anatoliy Kalmykov noted that the abilities of the radar system have been highly praised by scientists from the USA, Canada and other countries. They have asked to be allowed to share in the information which has been gained. "We never turn anybody down, because we think cooperation in space should be just like that, peaceful--to the benefit of all mankind," the Soviet scientist said in conclusion.

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## AUTOMATIC TSUNAMI WARNING SYSTEM

Moscow TASS in Russian 0926 GMT 9 Aug 85

[Text] Vladivostok. An integrated automated system for round-the-clock observation of the origination and propagation of Tsunami waves is being set up on the Pacific coast of the USSR. The system will speedily and timely warn the population of the Soviet Union and the other countries of the basin about the threat. It is to be put into operation by the year 1990.

The creation of the world's first system of this kind is due to research and practical testing of many years, which enabled Soviet scientists to study carefully underwater quakes causing destructive waves, to learn to distinguish them from other oceanic distortions arising as a result of flood tides and storm waves, which in the past caused false alarms. Bottom cable hydro-physical stations have been tested off the islands of the Kuriles. A survey map of Tsunami danger of the Kurile Islands and Kamchatka Peninsula has been compiled. It is soon to be prepared for Sakhalin Island and the Primorye territory.

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FINNISH-DESIGNED VESSEL TO TRANSPORT OFFSHORE DRILLING RIGS

Moscow NEDELYA, 21-27 Oct 85, No 43 (1335), p 5

[Article by A. Savchenko, (Vyborg)]

[Text] The Vyborg Shipbuilding Plant has begun building semisubmerged drilling rigs for operation on the coastal shelf.

Each rig is 100 meters tall and 70 meters wide. Its giant "floats" will hold more than 12,000 tons on the water. In short, the "Shelf" is an impressive structure. But how is it to be delivered to its worksite? Shipbuilders of Finland's "Wartsila" joint-stock company have proposed a vessel which will be capable of taking the "Shelf" on board its deck. Imagine a vessel lowering itself 20 meters in the water, maneuvering its deck platform under the "Shelf", and then rising in the water again. Such a vessel will be ready in a year.

(A photograph was given showing a model of the vessel, which has a giant crane at the stern.)

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FLOATING DOCK TOWED FROM KERCH TO MURMANSK

Moscow VODNYI TRANSPORT, 24 Oct 85 p 1

[Article by V. Shchetinin, (Murmansk)]

[Text] The icebreaker "Yuriy Lisyanskiy" and the seagoing salvage and rescue vessel "Kapitan Fedotov" have delivered a floating dock with a lifting capacity of 5,000 tons from Kerch to Murmansk. This dock is 134 meters long, 31 meters wide, and has a draft of 1.87 meters. The convoy's voyage from the Black Sea to the Barents Sea took place in very difficult navigational and weather conditions of the onset of autumn. Representatives of the Arctic Offshore Oil-and-Gas Industry Fleet, to which the dock was consigned, received it without complaints and expressed gratitude to the vessels' crews for carrying out this important assignment precisely on schedule.

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GEOLOGICAL EXPLORATION SHIP 'GEOLOG FERSMAN'

Leningrad LENINGRADSKAYA PRAVDA, 18 Oct 85 p 1

[Article by V. Yeliseyev]

[Text] A new seagoing geological exploration vessel, the "Geolog Fersman," has docked in the Leningrad seaport.

The vessel was built by shipbuilders of the city of Nikolayev. It has a displacement of 5,800 tons; it is 104 meters long and 16 meters wide. Its two main diesel engines have a total capacity of 7,000 horsepower and makes it possible to develop speeds as high as 16 knots. The vessel is equipped with a satellite navigation system for ensuring safe sailing.

The new vessel is intended for exploring the mineral resources of the world's oceans. A special complex allows investigations to be conducted at depths as great as 6,000 meters.

The ship carries a crew of 54 seamen. A scientific expedition can work on board it in addition to the crew. V.G. Nosenko, captain of the "Geolog Fersman," reported that its first departure to sea for the purpose of testing its equipment and instruments is scheduled for November 20.

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## EXPEDITIONS STUDY OCEAN-ATMOSPHERE SYSTEM

Moscow TASS in English 28 Aug 85

[Text] The purpose of the studies initiated by Soviet scientists into short-term climate fluctuations is to help expand human economic activity.

It is the Soviet Union's largest program to study the relationship between the atmosphere and the ocean, journalists were told at the Soviet Oceanographic Institute. It is based on research done by Soviet Academician Guriy Marchuk in the mid-1970s on compiling weather forecasts for 1-3 months. Carrying out those studies, scientists took note of an important physical aspect of the ocean-atmosphere system: individual areas (zones) of the ocean have stable links with the condition of the atmosphere over vast expanses of the globe.

These key zones, which constitute small localized sources of heat and in which heat exchange between the atmosphere and the ocean are especially intensive, have come to be known as the energy-active zones (areas) of the world ocean.

Seasonal observations are now carried out by expeditions in areas with the maximum extent of 1,500 by 2,000 kilometers in five energy-active zones. These are the Norwegian-Greenland energy active zone, the Newfoundland energy active zone, the Gulf Stream energy active zone, the Tropical Zone of the Atlantic and the energy-active zone of the Kuroshio Current.

Findings are processed in a way making it possible to obtain concerted and quantitatively authentic characteristics of seasonal changes in water temperature, air temperature, heat content of the upper layer of the ocean, heat currents from the ocean into the atmosphere and heat and salt currents into the deeper layers of the ocean.

It is clear already now that the results of observations under the program will substantially alter our ideas of the dynamics of the ocean.

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'AKADEMIK KURCHATOV' STUDIES CURRENTS, ICE

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[Text] The results of the scientific research by the expedition, which has returned to Kaliningrad aboard the scientific research vessel "Akademik Kurchatov", will help polar workers, climatologists and fishermen in their work. The main aim of the voyage to arctic latitudes, with scientists of the "Shirshov" Institute of Oceanology of the USSR Academy of Sciences taking part, was to study physical-chemical processes arising where the Gulfstream warm current and the water of the Arctic Ocean meet. The materials gathered will serve as the basis for compiling long-term forecasts of the weather and of the ice and fishing situation in this area of the world ocean.

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## NEW COMPUTER OCEANOGRAPHIC DATA BANK

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[Text] A computer data bank for the oceanography of the Pacific and Indian Oceans has been brought into operation at the Automation and Control Processes Institute in the USSR Academy of Sciences' Far Eastern Scientific Center. All the information on the enormous water expanses gathered on scientific expeditions starting from 1985 [a later broadcast gives this date as 1885] is recorded on magnetic disks. In a century more than 4,000 journeys have been made in which 3,500 million measurements have been made. However, the computer data bank is not simply an enormous storehouse for all sorts of data on temperature, salinity, chemical composition of the oceans' waters; it is a complicated program system with the aid of which it is possible to study the life of the ocean's biodynamics to conduct research on the laws governing it.

Apart from this it will make it possible to plan the work of expeditions on vessels of the scientific fleet. The data bank is also adapted to the reception and processing of signals from artificial earth satellites. Using the data received from space it is possible to more precisely produce temperature charts of the surface of the water, which is very important for fishermen and seamen.

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[Text] Armenian SSR. An original device, capable of concentrating a laser beam at a prescribed depth in a body of water, was developed by workers at the Sevan hydrobiological station of the Academy of Sciences along with workers from the "Aerosol" design bureau in Yerevan.

An experiment was performed with this laser device, which was installed in a helicopter, to determine from afar the volume of phytoplankton (a single-cell aquatic plant organism) in the high-mountain Lake Sevan.

This was necessary in order to precisely determine the lake's food production this year and to provide appropriate direction to the fish combines regarding the volume limit of the fish harvest. At river estuaries the colored water plants will help determine which industrial enterprises dumped untreated waste water into the lake.

Such an experiment also will be performed on Lake Ladoga, where the problems are similar to those in Lake Sevan.

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OCEANOGRAPHY DATA BANK CAN PROCESS SATELLITE SIGNALS

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[Excerpt] A computer data bank "Oceanography: Pacific and Indian Oceans" has been put into operation at the Institute of Automation and Control Processes of the USSR Academy of Sciences' Far East Research Center.

The computer bank is not just a repository of all kinds of data on the temperature, salinity and chemical composition of the oceans. It is a complex program system, by means of which one can study the ocean in dynamic conditions and investigate the laws affecting it. In addition, the data bank makes it possible to plan the work of expeditions on ships of the scientific fleet.

Thus far, information obtained only by the method of 'contact' measurements is being stored in the new data bank, but it is also equipped for receiving and processing signals from earth satellites. With the aid of data obtained from space, more accurate temperature maps of the water surface can be produced. This is very important for fishermen and mariners. On the Far East research ship "Akademik Korolev," trials of an on-line data bank are now under way, the purpose of which is to do primary processing of information directly during the voyage.

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TRIALS OF MANNED SUBMERSIBLE CRAFT 'OSMOTR'

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[Article by I. Mogila]

[Excerpt] A unique manned submersible craft, the "Osmotr," has successfully passed its initial trials in Gelendzhik. This craft was developed by the design and experimental bureau of the USSR Academy of Sciences' Institute of Oceanology.

"The 'Osmotr' is intended for exploration in coastal-shelf zones of the ocean," related Anatoliy Mikhaylovich Sagalevich, head of the Oceanology Institute's laboratory of deep-diving manned submersible craft. "It is an independent craft. It can travel under water at a speed of 1.5 knots and descend to depths as great as 300 meters. Most importantly, researchers with scuba-diving gear can leave the craft and return to it at great depths, through a special lock."

The trials which took place recently in Golubaya Bay are only one stage of a large comprehensive program for the study of ocean depths with the aid of manned submersibles developed at the Oceanology Institute. The scientists also have at their disposal two "Pisces" craft that are capable of descending to depths as great as 2,000 meters, and an "Argus" craft (600 meters).

The scientific research craft "Osmotr" has passed its initial trials, and now it must be readied for dives next summer. The "Pisces" craft must also be readied by then. Hydronauts will make a number of dives with them in the Pacific Ocean for the purpose of finding and studying outflows of geothermal water on the ocean floor.

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COMPREHENSIVE STUDIES IN ENERGY-ACTIVE ZONE OF GULF STREAM, WINTER 1983-1984  
(38th VOYAGE OF RESEARCH VESSEL 'AKADEMIK KURCHATOV' AND 5th VOYAGE OF  
RESEARCH VESSEL 'VITYAZ')

Moscow OKEANOLOGIYA in Russian Vol 25, No 4, Jul-Aug 85, pp 706-709

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[Abstract] In late 1983, the Institute of Oceanography imeni P.P. Shirshov, USSR Academy of Sciences, sent an expedition consisting of the two research vessels mentioned in the title into the Northwest Atlantic. The main purpose of the expedition was to undertake comprehensive studies in the energy-active zone of the Gulf Stream. Furthermore, the 'Akademik Kurchatov' after completing these studies was to pick up a group of Cuban oceanographers and undertake joint hydrologic studies in the economic zone of the Republic of Cuba in the Florida Straits and Gulf of Mexico. The main purposes of the studies were to investigate heat and moisture exchange with the atmosphere, the synoptic structure and variability of thermodynamic and hydrodynamic fields in the ocean in the Gulf Stream and its eddies, variability of aerophysical fields, energy exchange across the Gulf Stream related to the development and propagation of hot and cold eddies, and improvement and testing of a numerical model of the hydrologic structure of the ocean. The joint expedition of these two ships was the first experiment in large-scale hydrologic and meteorological investigations in the energy-active zone of the Gulf Stream in winter and resulted in the collection of rich factual material.  
[17-6508]



ROLE OF DETRITUS AND MIGRATING ANIMALS IN FEEDING OF PELAGIC PLANKTONIC FAUNA OF THE BOREAL AND TROPICAL PACIFIC OCEAN

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[Abstract] An estimate is made of the magnitude and composition of the flow of detritus from the epipelagial zone into deeper waters, as well as the role of this detritus flux and of migrating animals in supplying food to deep-water fauna. The concentration of detritus was defined as the difference between particles formed and utilized in the surface layers. The detritus is consumed by bacteria, protozoa and mesoplankton animals, fine and coarse filterers and euryphages. At 20°C water temperature, bacteria reach their maximum number on dead organic matter falling through the water by the end of one day, by which time less than 10% of the initial quantity of phosphorus, and 6-7% of protein is left in the descending detritus. Liberation of ammonia nitrogen reaches its maximum by the end of the first day and is practically completed by the fourth or fifth day. A significant portion of detritus is thus decomposed in the euphotic zone. In the deep zone even though the flow of detritus is intense, its food value is slight, and the plankton is predominantly composed of carnivorous forms oriented toward food with higher energy value. Figures 2; references 51: 20 Russian, 31 Western. [17-6508]

FEEDING OF DIAPHUS SUBORBITALIS (MYCTOPHIDAE, PISCES) IN EQUATORIAL INDIAN OCEAN

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[Abstract] Results are presented from studies of the composition of the diet of *D. Suborbitalis* during various seasons in the western equatorial Indian Ocean over the slopes of the Equator seamount at depths as great as 1000 m. Specimens were caught in March-June 1980, late winter and summer. Specimens were taken from a commercial trawl operating at 40-200 m depth, primarily at night. Visual evaluation of stomach contents on a 5-point scale was used for over 1000 specimens, with 673 specimens studied in the laboratory. The feeding spectrum was composed by reconstructing weights of food specimens grouped as follows: Copepoda, Pisces, Amphipoda, Chaetognatha, Euphausiacea, Decapoda and 'other,' including Appendicularia, Ostracoda, Heteropoda, Pteropoda,

Salrae and Medusae. Fish scales were found in the stomachs of some 60% of the fish. Copepoda and fish make up the main food sources of *D. Suborbitalis*, Euphausiacea significantly less, all other groups amounting to a total of 15% of the total food mass. Copepoda make up the main mass of food of smaller specimens, fish and less frequently shrimp making up the main mass of fish over 50 mm in length. No significant variation in stomach contents was observed over the length of the study. Figures 3, tables 3; references 20: 7 Russian, 13 Western.  
[17-6508]

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DETERMINATION OF PRODUCTION OF ZOOFLAGELLATES IN CENTRAL INDIAN OCEAN

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[Abstract] An attempt is made to determine the rates of reproduction and production of zooflagellates in the open ocean. Studies were performed during the 25th voyage of the research vessel 'Dmitriy Mendeleev' in September-October 1980 in the Indian Ocean, samples taken in a 7-liter plastic bathometer and removed from the bathometer with a short, broad glass siphon to avoid damage. Specimens were counted at 125 X magnification in 10 to 100 visual fields, as well as flagellates adhering to phytoplankton cells and particles of detritus. It was found that the time of generation of zooflagellates in the surface horizon of the Central Indian Ocean varied from 24 to 48 hours. Times were longest in the area of the equatorial divergence, shorter near the trade currents, varying with the concentration of bacterioplankton at the time of observation. Production varied from 0.5 to 10.6 mg/m<sup>-3</sup>. No reproduction was observed at 120 m or deeper. Figure 1, tables 3; references: 11 Russian.  
[17-6508]

DIURNAL PERIODICITY OF DIVISION OF CERTAIN SPECIES OF TROPICAL SHELF  
PLANKTONALGAE

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[Abstract] A study is presented of the diurnal rhythms of mitosis in certain species of diatomaceous algae and dinoflagellates on the shallow Atlantic tropical shelf. Materials were collected at 9°24'N, 13°49'W on 29-30 January 1982. Tides caused depth at the station to vary from 14 to 18 m, salinity 3.42-3.48 0/00, water temperature at the surface 26.9-27.4°C. One vertical sampling of the water from bottom to surface was taken each 3 to 3.5 hours by hoisting a net. The frequency of mitosis was analyzed in preparations stained with 2% acetoarsine. Large species present in great numbers were selected, including *Thalassiothrix Frauenfeldii* (Grun), *Rhizosolenia imbricata* v. *Schubsolei* (Schroeder), *Biddulphia* sp. and several species of *Ceratium*. A diurnal periodicity is found to be coordinated among an entire community, with the diurnal maxima of division varying from species to species, shifted in time relative to each other, facilitating more uniform distribution of dividing cells throughout the day. The diurnal periodicity is related to the major functional parameters of the population, the rate and synchronism of division. The periodicity is not related to the tides. Figures 4; references 19: 4 Russian, 15 Western.  
[17-6508]

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## SLOW SEISMIC WAVES IN SANDY MARINE BOTTOM MATERIAL

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[Abstract] Available materials on marine seismoacoustics were analyzed and special experiments were performed in open and littoral portions of the Pechora and Baltic Seas, the Kama Reservoir and under laboratory conditions in order to determine mechanisms of generation of low frequencies under practical conditions. The experiments utilized ultrasonic waves at 25-150 KHz, seismic wave frequencies generated by an electric spark source with multiple-electrode acoustical signal radiator, a pneumatic source, a 24-kg falling weight, a pulsed reactive surface-type source and a 40 g powder charge, producing

oscillations from 10 Hz to 150 KHz with bottom material loads of  $10^{-3}$  to  $10\text{kg/cm}^2$ , forces of less than 1 N to  $10^3$  N. For the first time, dynamic second-order repacking waves are observed under natural conditions in a slow surface wave at the interface between free liquid and saturated heterogeneous soft bottom material. Figures 4, tables 1; references 24: 17 Russian, 7 Western.  
[17-6508]

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#### LOCAL VARIATIONS OF NODULES IN CLARION-CLIPPERTON ORE PROVINCE

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[Abstract] A study is made of local variations in productivity, morphology and composition of nodules and their correlation with the facial situation of ore formation based on the materials of two series of observations made on the 28th voyage of the 'Dmitriy Mendeleev' in the radiolarian belt of the ocean in the Clarion-Clipperton ore province southeast of Hawaii. Macroscopic and microscopic studies of nodules were performed, their productivity and concentration determined, and diffractometric and chemical analyses were undertaken. The first area covered a hilly plain with depths of 300 to 600 m at  $9^{\circ}31.4'N$ ,  $152^{\circ}40.3'W$ . The second area was primarily on the surface of a slightly hilly plain at  $10^{\circ}02.4'N$ ,  $146^{\circ}29.4'W$ , depth 5050-5250 m. In this area, large asymmetrical nodules are found. In the nodules from the globular lower to the smooth upper surface the content of Mn, and particularly Ni, Cu and Zn and the Mn/Fe ratio decrease. The diagenetic and sedimentation-diagenetic nodules of the area are typical for a radiolarian zone with elevated Mn/Fe ratio and the content of Cu, Ni and Zn is 1.5-2.5 times as great as in nodules from the first area. The Mn/Fe ratio is usually greater than 4, with values of 2.5-3.5 found in biomorphous nodules from the tops of the hilly rises. The ratios of mobile forms of the trace elements with Mn and Fe were calculated, showing stable Cu/Mn, Zn/Mn, Ni/Cu, Co/Mn and Co/Fe ratios within both areas, variation factors 7-20% with some enrichment in the sediment of area two in copper, and to a lesser extent in nickel. Figures 3, tables 3; references 12: 4 Russian, 8 Western.  
[17-6508]

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ONE MODIFICATION OF ERTEL METHOD FOR CALCULATION OF TURBULENT EXCHANGE COEFFICIENTS

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[Abstract] The Ertel method is based on determining the turbulent viscosity coefficient by means of the Prandtl hypothesis. Equations are suggested for calculating horizontal turbulent exchange tensor components on the basis of Euler correlation functions using the Prandtl hypothesis and determination of mixing paths by methods similar to the Ertel method. The exchange coefficients calculated by the Ertel method and the suggested variant are compared. Tables 1; references: 5 Russian. [17-6508]

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STUDY OF VERTICAL STRUCTURE OF TEMPERATURE VARIATION WITH HALF-DAY TIDAL PERIOD USING EMPIRICAL ORTHOGONAL FUNCTIONS

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[Abstract] The practical significance of the empirical orthogonal functions method is that the random geophysical field it is used to study is represented as a sum of modes characterizing the time and space changes in the studied process. The method allows estimation of absolute and relative contributions of each mode to the initial set of observations. This article applies the method to the study of the vertical profile of temperature changes along Ampere Bank, which have a semidiurnal tidal period. It is found that the vertical temperature distribution as well as its time course can be represented by two or three empirical orthogonal function modes. The maximum dispersion of temperature fluctuations for all deep-water stations occurs in the upper 100 meters. This maximum results primarily from the contribution of the first empirical orthogonal function, the specific share of the second and third modes increasing at over 100 m depth. Significant horizontal nonuniformity in vertical fluctuation energy is observed over the rise, possibly as a result of interaction between the semidiurnal period of the tide and the bank. Figures 4, tables 1; references 8: 7 Russian, 1 Western. [17-6508]

## SOME FEATURES OF MEDIUM-SCALE STRUCTURE OF HYDROLOGIC FIELDS IN WESTERN BLACK SEA

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[Abstract] The authors undertook quasi-synchronous geologic surveys on board the Bulgarian research vessel 'Issledovatel' from 3 through 7 August 1981 in order to study large- and medium-scale hydrophysical field structures in an area to the west of 29°30'E and between 42°25' and 43°30'N. The distance between measurement stations in the littoral zone averaged 7.5 nautical miles, in the deep water area the measurements were performed each 10 to 15 miles, shorter than the characteristic internal radius of deformations for the area. The eddy structure of temperature, salinity and velocity fields is analyzed, revealing a vertically stratified eddy structure both in shelf and deeper areas. Diagnostic calculations performed using the Sarkisyan quasi-geostrophic model show a significant difference between hydrodynamic modes on the shelf and in deep-water zones. A cyclonic eddy is characteristic, manifested at the sea surface as a meander in the main Black Sea Current. The cyclone is found to separate from the main current with the thermohaline characteristics of open sea water. Barotropic and baroclinic instability of the current are found to be important in the formation of Black Sea eddies. Figures 3; references 8 Russian. [17-6508]

## METHOD OF CALCULATING SPEED OF LARGE SCALE CURRENTS BASED ON DENSITY DATA

Moscow OKEANOLOGIYA in Russian Vol 25, No 4, Jul-Aug 85 (manuscript received 9 Jul 84) pp 568-571

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[Abstract] Reliable estimates of the climatic density field apparently can be obtained only in certain limited regions of the ocean. There is therefore interest in developing indirect methods to calculate the velocity field of large-scale climatic currents in individual regions of the ocean using information on the density field only within a single region. One such method is suggested in this work, a natural extension of the method of Stommel and Schott (Deep-Sea Research, Vol 24, No 3, 1977, pp 325-329). Calculation examples are

presented. The method presented in this work differs in the method used to analyze a predefined system of equations employed in processing the observations. Further studies are required to justify the use of these equations. Figure 1, references 5: 1 Russian, 4 Western.  
[17-6508]

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#### BAROCLINIC INSTABILITY OF LARGE-SCALE CURRENT IN VICINITY OF POLYMODE EXPERIMENT

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[Abstract] A previous work showed that baroclinic instability of large-scale currents represents a possible mechanism of generation of synoptic eddies. This work uses a two-layer model to continue the study of this question. Four different ways of recording the primary current in the area covered by the Polymode experiment are used and the maximum disturbance increase computed by one of them is found to correspond with the actually observed synoptic eddies in January through May of 1978. In the description with the best fit, the direction of the primary current is 211 degrees, direction of propagation of the disturbance wave at its maximum is 238 degrees, characteristic horizontal scale is 46 km, growth increment is 100 days, period of disturbance wave is 105 days, phase shift is 65° and the ratio of amplitudes of disturbances in upper and lower layers is 1.1:1.0. Figures 2, tables 2; references 8: 6 Russian, 2 Western.  
[17-6508]

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#### EFFECTS OF TRIAD RESONANT INTERACTIONS OF ROSSBY WAVES IN OCEAN

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[Abstract] A two-scale expansion method is applied to the dimensionless quasi-geostrophic equation for the conservation of a potential eddy in the Rossby wave triad model to describe the vertical structure of motion. It is assumed that small-amplitude wave disturbances act upon the initial wave, which has constant amplitude. Curves of maximum growth are found for the entire set of resonant Rossby wave triads. The interaction is studied with the first

baroclinic mode as the primary wave. If this wave is longer than the deformation radius, maximum growth is found in a resonant triad with one component having near meridional orientation. Characteristic energy exchange times are computed. Figures 4; references 7: 2 Russian, 5 Western.  
[17-6508]

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#### FREE EVOLUTION OF BAROTROPIC GEOSTROPHIC TURBULENCE

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[Abstract] A number of problems related to geostrophic turbulence remain unsolved, including the nature of the final stage of free evolution of geostrophic turbulence and the relationship between the theory of turbulence on the  $\beta$  plane and the theory of two-dimensional solitary Rossby waves. This article studies the free evolution of geostrophic turbulence in a barotropic ocean. The influence of deformation radius and Rossby waves on two-dimensional turbulence is analyzed. A general description is presented of the evolution of two-dimensional geostrophic turbulence. The direct effect of  $\beta$ , based on a diffusion interpretation of the enstrophy integral, prevents small-scale mixing after the enstrophy spectrum reaches a certain value, resulting in greater regularity of motion over a broader space and time scale. References 14: 9 Russian, 5 Western.  
[17-6508]

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#### EXAMPLE OF NUMERICAL AND LABORATORY MODELING OF CONVECTION DEVELOPMENT

Moscow IZVESTIYA AKADEMII NAUK SSSR: FIZIKA ATMOSFERY I OKEANA in Russian Vol 21, No 8, Aug 85 (manuscript received 27 Dec 83, after revision 8 May 84) pp 892-895

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[Abstract] A study is made of an example of numerical and laboratory reproduction of the process of development of convection in a two-layer unsteady stratified fluid in a two-dimensional area. The example is selected due to the comparative simplicity of laboratory experiments, as well as the limited capability of numerical computation at the present time. A description is presented first of the method for performing the laboratory experiments and



the mathematical model; then the results of numerical computation are compared with physical processes observed in the field. The laboratory experiments were performed in a sealed tank 2.2 cm deep, yielding quasi-two-dimensionality. The tank was initially filled with a two-layered NaCl solution which was allowed to diffuse. The results of the numerical calculations adequately reproduced the natural features of the observed phenomenon. Figures 2; references 3: 2 Russian, 1 Western.  
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#### NUMERICAL MODELING OF EVOLUTION OF ANNULAR CONSTANT VORTICITY AREAS

Moscow IZVESTIYA AKADEMII NAUK SSSR: FIZIKA ATMOSFERY I OKEANA in Russian Vol 21, No 8, Aug 85 (manuscript received 28 Nov 83, after revision 16 Mar 84) pp 879-882

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[Abstract] Results are presented from studies of the loss of stability of an annular constant-vorticity area by the contour dynamics method. A constant-vorticity area of this type is the simplest type of doubly connected steady configuration. The numerical algorithm used was described in previous works. Experimental results are interpreted by analytic analysis of stability in a linear approximation. The results obtained in this work can be used to estimate the stability of annular flows with transverse velocity shear in geophysical systems, as well as to interpret laboratory experiments. Figure 1, tables 1; references 13: 5 Russian, 8 Western.  
[10-6508]

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#### STRUCTURE AND CONTEMPORARY ACTIVITY OF JUNCTION ZONE BETWEEN SUNDA SHELF AND SOUTHERN CHINA SEA TRENCH

Novosibirsk TIKHOOKEANSKAYA GEOLOGIYA in Russian No 3, May-Jun 85 (manuscript received 27 Feb 84) pp 102-106

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[Abstract] In 1981-1983, the authors' institute undertook geological-geophysical and hydrogeochemical work in the South China Sea, primarily in the southwestern portion of the basin where the Sunda shelf joins the deep-water trench. Gravimetric, magnetometric, sonar and bottom sampling studies were performed. The content of gases in sediments and in the water was

determined. The same methods were also used at the same time to produce a regional profile across the entire South China Sea, intersecting the major morphostructural elements of the basin and allowing determination of the general geological position of the region of the major studies southwest of the Sunda Basin. The peripheral rise surrounding the shelf structures on the east is found to be a tectonic-magmatic seam separating the relatively stable Sunda plate from an area of active dislocation. Contemporary volcanic activity is observed in the seam; hydrogen, methane and carbon dioxide gas anomalies are observed. These factors indicate contemporary peripheral seam activity related to continuing geological evolution of the South China Sea trench. This structure is assumed to be a fragment of the transregional meridional lineament. This lineament has manifested itself differently in different geological situations. In the south it passes through the western edge of Kalimantan Island and signs of its existence can be traced far beyond the limits of the region covered. Figures 3; references 11: 5 Russian, 6 Western.  
[12-6508]

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#### GEOLOGICAL STRUCTURE OF MAGELLAN MOUNTAINS IN PACIFIC

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[Abstract] New data are represented on the geological structure of individual submarine sea mounts in the mountains of Magellan, obtained by dredging from the research vessel "Aleksandr Nesmeyanov" in 1983. Development of volcanic rock of primarily basic composition is observed, belonging to the alkaline-basalt series of oceanic islands and elevations such as Hess, Shatskiy and Marcus-Necker. Volcanic processes have significantly influenced synchronous sediment accumulation. Ferromanganese nodules were brought up from the subterranean slopes of the Magellan Mountains at several stations. They are apparently common on gently sloping sectors in combination with Quaternary silts in depth intervals from 1400 to 4300 m. The volume of nodules in dredges varied from a few dozens to 3-5 kg per dredge. At two stations fragments of other rock were not observed. Figures 3, tables 1; references 5: 4 Russian, 1 Western.  
[12-6508]

## SULFIDE ORES AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO SUBMARINE VOLCANOES AND ISLAND ARC HYDROTHERMS

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[Abstract] The search for pyrite ores in contemporary island arcs requires an analysis of their location and conditions of formation, which in turn requires joint analysis of materials on paleovolcanic province ores and contemporary continental and submarine hydrothermal ore-forming systems. The Devonian pyrites of the southern Urals and Altay area are compared with manifestations of contemporary hydrothermal activity. Submarine hydrotherms with sulfide ore formation are associated with calderas, volcanic craters and domes. Conditions of submarine hydrothermal sulfide ore formation along the mid-ocean ridges and island arcs are compared. Such ores can be formed at depths of over 400 m. Figures 3, tables 1; references 59: 29 Russian, 30 Western.  
[16-6508]

## CONVECTION BENEATH CONTINENTS AND OCEANS

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[Abstract] It is demonstrated that the mismatch in temperatures computed for a depth of 700 km depending on whether the upper boundary of the layer in which convection occurs is assumed to be the base of the lithosphere or the earth's surface can be eliminated by considering the basic difference in the roles played by continental and oceanic lithospheres in mantle convection. Numerical calculation of models of thermal convection in the oceanic upper mantle is performed for various rates of movement of the lithosphere. Thermal convection in the continental upper mantle is excited by a small temperature difference with a Rayleigh number several times less than in the oceanic mantle. Considering that the oceanic lithosphere takes part in thermal convection, the temperature at the earth's surface should be taken as the condition at the upper boundary of the viscous layer of the mantle in this area. The heat-conductive oceanic lithosphere increases the effective thickness of the upper thermal boundary layer and decreases the Nusselt number. A change in the rate of movement of the oceanic lithosphere may lead to global restructuring of convective currents in the upper mantle. Figures 5, tables 1; references 16: 5 Russian, 11 Western.  
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BASIC FEATURES OF STRUCTURE AND MORPHOLOGY OF VOLCANIC ZONE AND INDIVIDUAL SUBMARINE VOLCANOES IN THE VICINITY OF KATUIK AND FU-KUY ISLANDS ON VIETNAM SHELF BASED ON CONTINUOUS SEISMIC PROFILING DATA

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[Abstract] A study is made of the results of continuous seismic profiling by the central beam method in an area measuring 90 X 90 km with 5 to 15 km between runs with detailed studies at intervals of 0.2-0.5 km in some areas. The area is of interest because of manifestations of volcanism on the shelf near Katuik Island, where an eruption occurred in 1923. The purpose of the studies was to determine the structural position of areas of contemporary submarine volcanism, the geological structure of the region and the structure of individual volcanoes. Specifics of Cenozoic volcanism in the territory of Vietnam are discussed. The volcanic zone near the two islands in a fragment of an area of Quarternary basaltic volcanism surrounding the Mekong depression, which in turn is a part of the Cenozoic volcanic province of Southeast Asia. Volcanism has covered the area in recent times, some twenty active volcanic structures, both contemporary and buried, having been found. Volumes of erupted material are estimated for the two slag cones studied in detail as 40 and 60 million m<sup>3</sup>. Tectonic movement related to the formation of the South China Sea and Mekong depressions and glacioeustatic fluctuations in sea level have significantly influenced the formation of the sedimentary cover in this region. Figures 4; references 11: 6 Russian, 5 Western. [64-6508]

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INDIRECT EFFECT OF MARINE TIDES ON GRAVIMETRIC EARTH TIDES KAPG STATIONS

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[Abstract] The influence of the tides on variations in the force of gravity are calculated for seven Eastern European tidal gravimetric stations by summation of the influence of individual areas into which the terrestrial sphere has been divided. All three components of the indirect effect are considered. The results of the computations of the influence of the tides on tidal variations in the force of gravity are presented in tabular form. Tables 5; references 12: 5 Russian, 7 Western. [14-6508]

ALLOWANCE FOR NONISOCHRONICITY OF PHOTOCHRONOGRAPH INPUT OPTICAL SYSTEM IN  
REGISTRY OF SUBPICOSECOND LASER PULSES

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[Abstract] When registering subpicosecond laser pulses with a photochronograph it is important to take into account their distortions by the input optical system. The drawing-out of light pulses by aberrations and by dispersion of the refractive index of glass have been dealt with by other authors. This article examines effects associated with the nonisochronicity of the input optical system (nonisochronicity in image construction on the photocathode): drawing-out of the laser pulse and its distortion during operation of the photochronograph and image curvature by the time slit on the screen. This nonisochronicity arises due to curvature of the laser beam wave front at the photocathode. The problem is examined for a laser with a stable resonator whose radiation is limited by a caustic surface. It is assumed that the laser generates a fundamental transverse mode whose intensity on the caustic is  $e$  times less than on the optical axis. Computations were made in a paraxial approximation. The following aspects of the problem are considered: caustic surfaces and ray approximation; nonisochronicity of image construction on photocathode; distortions caused by nonisochronicity of in-out optical system; admissible inaccuracy in beam focusing by one lens; nonisochronicity of input optical system of "Agat" photochronograph in linear scanning regime; regulation of photocathode illumination; compensation of nonisochronicity of image converter by input optical system; input optical system with small nonisochronicity. Procedures are given for minimizing the nonisochronicity and compensating for the nonisochronicity of the image converter. Figures 2; references 9: 8 Russian, 1 Western.  
[384-5303]

## AVERAGED LAW OF SOUND DIMINUTION IN IRREGULAR NEAR-BOTTOM SOUND CHANNEL

Moscow AKUSTICHESKIY ZHURNAL in Russian No 4, Jul-Aug 85 pp 537-538

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[Abstract] The articles gives a comparison of the results of computations made using averaged expressions derived earlier (V.G. Katsnelson, et al., AKUST. ZHURN., Vol 30, No 5, pp 507-517, 1984) and on the basis of summation of adiabatic modes (adiabatic theory (V. G. Katsnelson, et al., TRUDY FIAN, Vol 156, pp 98-110, 1984)) with published results of measurements of sound intensity in a shallow sea. The computations and experiments were carried out for tonal acoustic signals with the carrier frequencies 100 and 300 Hz

propagating in a shallow sea (acoustic waveguide) with a variable depth and with a negative speed-of-sound profile. Such a waveguide for the most part is characterized by near-bottom sound propagation. The bottom is represented by a homogeneous fluid half-space with a density  $\rho_{\text{bot}}$ , the speed of sound  $c_{\text{bot}}$  and a complex refractive index whose imaginary part, determining losses in the bottom, is dependent on frequency. The main contribution to the field is from bottom waves (rays not touching the sea surface). The coefficients of attenuation of the lower modes, which correspond to bottom rays, are relatively small and comparable to one another, whereas for modes corresponding to bottom-surface rays the losses increase sharply with an increase in the angle of glancing against the bottom. In this formation of the problem, an expression was derived for computing the averaged intensity of sound. In computing intensity by this formula in a real waveguide the measured speed-of-sound profiles were interpolated. The results of computations by this formula and the results of computations based on the summation of adiabatic modes are compared graphically. This comparison shows that the results of computations based on summation of adiabatic modes agree fairly well with experimental data at both frequencies used. In the case of a frequency of 100 Hz there is good agreement with the adiabatic theory and experimental data along the entire path, whereas at a frequency of 300 Hz there is satisfactory agreement to a distance of 100 km, after which the results somewhat diverge. This discrepancy might be lessened by the introduction of bottom-surface rays into the scheme for computing averaged intensity. Figures 1; references 5: 3 Russian, 2 Western. [445-5303]

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# THEORY OF ACOUSTIC NOISE IN DEEP STRATIFIED OCEAN

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[Abstract] The propagation of acoustic waves in the ocean is influenced to a considerable degree by speed-of-sound stratification. However, any stratification  $c(z)$  different from uniform cannot be examined analytically, instead requiring numerical integration of the expressions given in this article. The problem is therefore investigated by numerical analysis methods after clarifying the principal laws of transformation of the acoustic field and its characteristics in a nonuniform stratified medium. This can be done in three cases, each of which is examined in detail: in the case of constancy of the parameters entering into the fundamental equation (uniform medium), an exponential change in density  $\rho(z)$  and a constancy of all other parameters, a piecewise-continuous density profile and especially a profile of the type  $\rho(z) = \{p_0, z \geq h, \rho_1, z < h\}$ . The exponential density profile corresponds to a model of an isothermic atmosphere since the equations describing the initial boundary-value problem are also correct for acoustic waves in the

atmosphere. The model of a medium with a density jump corresponds to conditions in the ocean. The in-depth analysis of these cases makes it possible to define the general laws of propagation of acoustic waves from noise sources in a stratified medium and to determine the characteristic parameters of the problem. This can serve as a basis for carrying out numerical modeling.

References: 5 Russian.

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#### ATTENUATION OF MEAN FIELD DURING WAVEGUIDE SOUND PROPAGATION IN OCEAN WITH WAVE-COVERED SURFACE

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[Abstract] Sound scattering on the sea surface can result in an appreciable attenuation of an acoustic signal propagating in an underwater acoustic channel (UAC). In order to evaluate the coherent component of the signal with losses of this type it is possible to adapt known modal programs for the computation of acoustic fields in regular UAC if appropriate imaginary corrections are introduced to the wave numbers of the modes--coefficients of attenuation of the coherent components of normal waves. This article gives derivation of formulas which can be used in obtaining these coefficients. The procedure is illustrated in the case of an UAC with an uneven upper boundary. A rectangular area  $\Sigma$  with the dimensions  $\Delta x$  and  $\Delta y$  considerably exceeding the wavelength of sound  $\lambda$  and the roughness correlation radius  $\ell$ , but small in comparison with the scale of attenuation of the mean field, is discriminated at this upper boundary. The roughness is assumed to be gently sloping and small in comparison with the wavelength of sound. In this formulation of the problem an expression is derived for the field component singly scattered in the sector  $\Sigma$ . Due to sound scattering in the uneven sector  $\Sigma$  there is a loss in intensity of the coherent field of the mode. Assuming the process of attenuation of intensity of the coherent field of an individual mode to be exponential, it is possible to find the value of the attenuation coefficient of the coherent component of a normal wave (formula (2)). This formula is then analyzed for a case when waves are described by the Pierson-Moskovitz spectrum. The conclusions drawn in the article agree with earlier known theoretical and experimental results (such as M. T. Sheehy, et al., "Measurement of the Attenuation of Low-Frequency Underwater Sound," JASA, Vol 29, No 4, pp 464-469, 1957). Figures 1; references 5: 3 Russian, 2 Western.

[445-5303]

## SPATIAL COHERENCE AND DISTRIBUTION OF FIELD INTENSITY IN UNDERWATER ACOUSTIC CHANNEL

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[Abstract] The spatial-temporal coherence and intensity distribution of the low-frequency acoustic field in the ocean are important aspects of oceanic acoustics. However, theoretical computations of these characteristics in the real ocean is complicated when many factors are taken into account: vertical and horizontal inhomogeneities in the ocean, waves on its surface, turbulence, etc. Until now it has been impossible to derive precise closed expressions for the correlation function and the distribution of the mean intensity of the acoustic field even in the case of a horizontally homogeneous ocean with an arbitrary vertical speed-of-sound profile. Such closed expressions would be of great practical importance because the vertical speed-of-sound is dependent not only on place, but also season of the year. Existing methods for computing these acoustic field characteristics are based either on the geometrical acoustics approximation or on numerical analysis. In contrast, this article describes an asymptotic method for computing the spatial correlation function of the acoustic field in an ocean with an arbitrary smoothly changing speed-of-sound profile. The authors examine the specific problem of computation of the spatial correlation function and vertical distribution of mean sound intensity in a horizontally homogeneous ocean at a quite great distance from an extended spatially incoherent source. Expressions are derived which describe the oscillatory nature of the vertical distribution of intensity. References 11: 9 Russian, 2 Western. [445-5303]

## EVALUATIONS OF APPLICABILITY OF WKB APPROXIMATION IN NORMAL WAVES METHOD

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[Abstract] The WKB (Wentzel-Kramers-Brillouin) approximation is the basis for a large number of asymptotic methods for computing the acoustic field in the ocean. This approximation gives an inexact value of the acoustic field in the neighborhood of ray turning points. If the turning point lies in an interval of rapid change in the refractive index great errors will arise on the entire further path of the ray; this also applies to the depth



derivative of the index. The magnitude of this error will be different, depending on the method for interpolating the speed of sound. In the standard interpolation method in each layer the gradient of the square of the refractive index is constant. Then the solution of the transverse equation in the layer is given by Airy functions and the use of the WKB approximation is reduced to use of asymptotic representations of Airy functions. In this article the magnitude of the error in application of the WKB approximation in computation of the acoustic field in a stratified ocean is related to the inaccuracy in the asymptotic representation of the Airy functions. This provides a convenient method for evaluating this error. Since there is an analogy between the acoustic field computed in the WKB approximation by the normal waves method and the ray method, the normal waves method is used but the terminology of the ray method is employed. Estimates of the error in computing the wave number and the amplitude of normal waves are made. More precise estimates can be obtained for each individual distance (this requires finding the error for normal waves forming the acoustic field at this particular distance). Evaluations of the accuracy of the modified WKB approximation are given. Figures 2; references: 6 Russian. [445-5303]

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# DISPERSION SPREADING OF FEMTOSECOND LIGHT PULSES IN CRYSTALS, AIR AND WATER

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[Abstract] Considerable progress has been made in the generation of femtosecond light pulses. There are now lasers generating light pulses with a duration less than 100 fs. A decrease in the duration of femtosecond pulses is achieved by linear frequency modulation of the carrier frequency of such a pulse in a light guide. It is important to develop femtosecond nonlinear-optical devices which take into account dispersion spreading of pulses of such short duration. Only fragmentary data have been published on the lengths of dispersion spreading in some media. Considering this gap in knowledge, the authors used a computer in a numerical study of the dispersion spreading of light pulses in a number of nonlinear crystals: KDP, ADP,  $\text{LiNbO}_3$ ,  $\text{LiIO}_3$ ,  $\text{Ag}_3\text{AsS}_3$ , as well as in air and water. For example, it was possible to determine the dependence of dispersion spreading length  $L_{ds}$  in different crystals on wavelength in the case of ordinary polarization of pulses with a duration of 100 fs. Since the length of a crystal usually does not exceed several centimeters, in a case  $L_{ds} > 10$  cm it is postulated that the dispersion spreading of pulses in general is insignificant. In all the considered crystals there is a wavelength region for which the spreading of pulses with a duration of 100 fs can be neglected. For pulses with a duration of 10 fs such a region will be substantially less. The dependence of the dispersion length of pulse spreading on wavelength is extremely sharp. The absence of light pulse

spreading in the second approximation of dispersion theory does not mean that the pulse will not spread at all; therefore, the third approximation of dispersion theory must be used. The dispersion spreading lengths obtained for different crystals are correct in an examination of pulses without initial phase modulation in dispersion media. In the propagation of Gaussian pulses with linear frequency modulation their duration changes with distance. Phase modulation of light pulses can be an important factor in shortening the dispersion spreading length of femtosecond pulses in the medium. The spreading of even picosecond light pulses can be important in the nonlinear crystals considered. Corresponding data are given for air and water. Figures 3, tables 1; references 16: 8 Russian, 8 Western.  
[423-5303]

AWARD NOMINATION FOR WORK ON GEOLOGY OF ATLANTIC FLOOR ENDORSED

Moscow PRAVDA, 2 Oct 85 p 3

[Article by L. Brekhovskikh, academician, member of the USSR Academy of Sciences]

[Abstract] The authors write briefly in support of the USSR State Prize nomination for the cycle of works entitled "Geological-Geographical Studies of the Floor of the Atlantic Ocean." They note that this work represents 25 years of studies by A. Lisitsyn, Ye. Yemelyanov and A. Ilin, the results of which have been summarized in five monographs, and they characterize the major findings of the research.

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## TERRESTRIAL GEOPHYSICS

### INSTRUMENTS THAT CAN 'SEE THROUGH THE EARTH'

Moscow MOSCOW NEWS in English No 26, 85 p 10

[Text] Experiments in electromagnetic sounding of vast territories at depths of dozens of kilometers have been carried out by scientists in the Soviet Union. Their instrument uses electromagnetic fields set up by powerful magnetohydrodynamic pulse generators.

Vice-President of the USSR Academy of Sciences Academician Yevgeny Velikhov and Mikhail Zhdanov, D.Sc. (Physics and Mathematics), comment on the prospects of the research.

Experiments involving the electromagnetic sounding of the earth's crust were first held in the USSR and other countries in the 1950s. But until recently geophysicists mainly relied on natural variations in the earth's magnetic field in their research. These variations are set up by the interaction of streams of ionized gas particles from the sun (solar wind) with the earth's magnetosphere and ionosphere at altitudes of 100-200 kilometers. This interaction produces eddy currents which set up secondary (induction) currents in the earth and, consequently, electromagnetic fields. It is the latter that carry information on the earth's internal composition.

The above method, however, involves great difficulties. The thing is that the intensity and shape of magnetosphere and ionosphere sources (sources of eddy currents) are, as a rule, not certain. Besides, their shape continuously varies with time. This is why researchers have been increasingly turning to methods of in-depth electromagnetic sounding using artificial sources whose currents and forms of the currents can be controlled. The only difficulty was that no sources of adequate power existed.

### Solid-Fuel Engine Harnessed By Geophysicists

The Kurchatov Atomic Energy Institute suggested the use of magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) generators capable of producing short bursts of colossal energy of 80-100 thousand kilowatts and a current of 20,000 amperes.

An MHD pulse generator is a solid-fuel rocket engine that changes the energy of the burning fuel into electricity. The solid fuel used for the purpose contains additives of easily ionized substances. The resulting jet of electroconductive plasma heated to nearly 3000° C rushes at a tremendous speed

through a rectangular nozzle of what is called the MHD canal. Its upper and lower walls are made of insulating materials that stand up to intense heat, while its lateral walls are lined with refractory metal and serve as electrodes to draw off the current. Coils of wire (solenoids) are attached to the upper and the lower portions of the MHD canal, which are fed with a strong current as soon as the fuel starts burning. They set up a magnetic field across the canal and it acts as a sharp brake on the jet of plasma. As a result, a strong pulse of current appears between the electrodes.

This pulse is fed either to two electrodes imbedded in the ground hundreds of meters or several kilometers apart or is sent through a big wire loop (several kilometers in diameter) laid out on the ground. In the former instance the source of the primary field is called an electrical dipole, in the second the source is an induction loop. Currents in the dipole or in the loop sharply vary in time, and the pulse has an almost rectangular shape and its duration can be 5 to 15 seconds.

The primary alternating electromagnetic field set up by the current passing through the loop or in a dipole gives rise to electric currents in the conducting layers of the Earth and these currents set up a secondary (induced) magnetic field. Special pickups installed on the surface record the effect produced by these two fields. Currents induced in the Earth and, correspondingly, secondary fields, vary with the conductivity of the area under investigation. Electrical conductivity of the earth's depths can provide clues to so-called thermodynamic and phase states of rocks at great depths, as well as on zones likely to contain minerals (deposits of ores are good conductors, while oil and gas are poor conductors).

#### The Khibiny MHD

Among the several types of MHD generators designed in the USSR, the Khibiny-9 is used to sound the mainland and the shelf areas of the Barents Sea to a depth of dozens of kilometers. The MHD generator is installed on the narrow isthmus between Kola Peninsula and Rybachy Peninsula. Current from the MHD generator passes through two massive aluminum wires to metal groundings located in the two bays on both sides of the isthmus. The current spills over into the sea in a series of loops of 50 to 100 kilometers in radius. The loops form primary sources of electromagnetic fields that sound the depths of the earth. The strength of the current at the electrodes of the MHD generator, as has been mentioned, is nearly 20,000 amperes, hundreds of times greater than in conventional geophysical installations based on internal combustion engine generators.

Thanks to such powerful installations, it has become possible to significantly increase the depth of sounding, and to survey vast areas using a single installation. In particular, the pattern of conductivity of the earth's crust over a vast area in Kola Peninsula has been found by MHD sounding. It should be noted that the results have been unexpected. It was believed in the past, for instance, that the local crystalline shield was a comparatively homogeneous structure composed of rock that does not conduct electricity well. There have been found some ten big blocks of varying electric resistance. Experiments

have revealed paths capable of conducting electric currents and linked with ore-bearing objects, and zones which may contain minerals.

#### Subterranean Holograms

Thus the use of MHD generators in geophysics affords a better insight into the maze of electric conductivity of rock at great depths.

But can the MHD method, besides detecting deposits of minerals, also produce their three-dimensional images? It just so happens that it can. A method designed in the USSR so far uses a technique based on the idea of optical holography. The difference consists in that the pickups installed on the surface in MHD sounding register the amplitude and the phase of the electromagnetic fields set up by an MHD generator instead of light waves. Instead of using laser light, as in holography, the procedure uses supplementary sources of electric current located on the ground where the pickups are. The shape of signals in them is determined by the pattern of the recorded field. The electromagnetic field set up by these supplementary sources is called a migration field. It is this field that produces a three-dimensional image of the earth's internal composition.

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## COMPUTING CENTER WARNS OF TSUNAMIS

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[Text] Krasnoyarsk. A gigantic wave, a tsunami, induced by an earthquake in the region of the Aleutian Islands, will be able to reach the Columbian town of Bahia de Solano, having covered more than ten thousand kilometers, in 15 hours. This is the conclusion reached by scientists of the computing center, situated in this town of Eastern Siberia.

"In accordance with a contract concluded with UNESCO, Soviet specialists have to work out detailed maps for the passage of tsunamis for 23 inhabited points of eight countries situated along the coast of the Pacific Ocean," said the director of the center, corresponding member of the USSR Academy of Sciences Yuriy Shokin. "We have already conducted such investigations for various sections of the coast of the Kurile Islands and of Sakhalin. Today, our recommendations are used here for selecting sites for the construction of new domestic and industrial buildings and installations. Recently for example, the Tsunami Service warned the population of Sakhalin days in advance of the approach of a tsunami caused by an earthquake along the shores of Chile.

Now Siberian scientists "play out" on computers various models of tsunamis, which may arrive from any seismically dangerous zones of the Pacific Ocean to the countries of Southeast Asia. At the end of next year, the specialists of all interested states will receive detailed warning maps.

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## LASER RANGE FINDERS, THEODOLITES AID DETECTION OF CRUSTAL MOVEMENT

Moscow TASS in English 11 Nov 85

[Text] Vladivostok. Soviet scientists have detected the movement of the earth's crust running into dozens of millimeters a year with the help of laser range finders and theodolites. The experiments were conducted on the tectonically active islands of the Far Eastern Basin.

A TASS correspondent has been told at the Institute of Marine Geology and Geophysics of the Far Eastern Center of the USSR Academy of Sciences that as a result of measurements and calculations made in the course of several years some other interesting phenomena had been revealed. The earth's crust moves even within the limits of a testing ground in various directions and with varying speed. Sometimes the shifts stop and change directions.

Concrete monuments with metal bench marks have been built on top of the cone-shaped hills. A laser beam sent by the range finder reaches the target in thousandth fractions of a second and after that is again received by the instrument. The high accuracy of measurement has been confirmed. The obtained data are processed by computers.

Along with horizontal measurements vertical measurements are carried out: changes in the elevation of separate hills above sea level are checked. With the help of astronomical observations of the stars scientists detect possible minor displacements of terrain relative to the earth's axis and the equator.

The Far Eastern Institute of Marine Geology and Geophysics has at its disposal a major "testing ground" that stretches from the Arctic Ocean to the Indian Ocean. In the opinion of the scientists, the most important problem is the forecasting of earthquakes which cause a lot of trouble to residents of that region. Certain signs showing the approach of an earthquake have been detected by scientists, including changes in the water level in experimental wells, gas ejections etc. Scientists believe that the study of movements of the earth's crust will help to reveal other possible forerunners of earthquakes.

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## POST-GLACIAL UNIVERSAL ELEVATION SLOWS

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[Text] The present generation lives in the age of unloading of the earth's crust, Soviet geographers believe. This means that the earth's crust is rising in a vast territory formerly covered by glaciers. The territory of Finland and the Baltic republics, for instance, is rising by 10 mm a year. Karelia and the Kola Peninsula are also rising, although at a smaller rate.

A TASS correspondent was told at the Institute of Geography of the USSR Academy of Sciences that the latest observations in the Antarctic have convinced scientists that the earth's crust is moving upwards in the southern hemisphere as well.

But this process of universal rising is petering out. While in the past, when the glaciers were intensively melting, the earth was rising rather fast. At present the average annual rate of movement world-wide does not exceed several millimeters.

Leningrad, for instance, has already reached the zero point. Scientists believe that next the city and its suburbs, like many other areas all over the world, will begin gradually to sink.

Glaciers covered the northern hemisphere at least four times during a short geological period of three million years. In every ice age, the earth's crust sank under the load of ice caps and, when the glaciers had melted, lifted up anew.

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## SOVIET UNION WILL DRILL 22 SUPERDEEP HOLES

Moscow TASS in English 29 Aug 85 2344

[Text] Vladimir Mazur, Deputy Minister of Geology of the Russian Federation, has told MOSCOW NEWS that 22 superdeep holes are going to be drilled in the republic. Twelve of them will be used for the basins' oil-bearing research and the rest will help in study of the mineral wealth of the regions and their tectonic framework. The 12,064 meter Kola hole, for example, has already provided information about the structure of the old baltic shield.

The exploration of the oil and gas resources in West Siberia has been so far conducted at no more than 5,000 m. But the geologists believe that rich oil and gas deposits are hidden at a deeper level. A new 8-10 kilometer urengoy hole will show whether the forecasts are right.

Geologists hope to open new reserves in the well-studied ore region in the Urals. The Ural superdeep well will be drilled near Nizhni Tagil.

Several holes will be drilled simultaneously in the Timano-Pecherskiy oil and gas province [European North of the USSR], specifically, near the working Vuktylskoye and the recently discovered Zapadno-Soplesskoye gas reserves, where, as in the Tyumen region, there are prospects for oil and gas research. The footage will be done with a Romanian drilling rig.

We have established close production ties with our Romanian colleagues in the field of prospecting and exploitation of oil and gas resources, Vladimir Mazur noted.

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## DISCOVERY IN THE FIELD OF EARTHQUAKE PREDICTION

Moscow ECOTASS in English No 22, 27 May 85

[Text] Igor Gubin, Corresponding Member of the USSR Academy of Sciences, has established during seismotectonic research that the size of an earthquake focus and its magnitude (energy) are determined by the size of the earth's crust blocks which shift along fissures. This discovery has made it possible to draw maps of seismic zones of a new type. The maps indicate zones of the origin of future earthquakes foci and give their detailed characteristics--the magnitude of possible earth jolts, frequency of their recurrence, the size and depth of quake foci--which have an effect on the shaking force on the earth's surface. The discovery has served as the basis of a new direction in seismology and has led to a qualitative basic restructuring of a seismic zoning procedure.

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COMPUTER-AIDED EARTHQUAKE OBSERVATIONS IN FAR EAST

Moscow SOVETSKAYA ROSSIYA, 20 Oct 85 p 6

[Article by S. Saktaganov (Magadan)]

[Text] Observations of underground tremors and movements of the earth's crust in the extreme northeastern part of the country will now be conducted with the aid of the latest electronic technology. Compact computers have been installed at facilities of the seismology team of the Northeast General Scientific Research Institute of the USSR Academy of Sciences' Far East Research Center. They will help the seismologists locate epicenters of earthquakes and determine their intensity quickly. Preparations are being made to introduce a bank of seismological data gathered from all over the region.

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## ECONOMIC WEEKLY VIEWS CEMA GEOLOGICAL COOPERATION

Moscow EKONOMICHESKAYA GAZETA in Russian No 41, Oct 85 p 20

[Text] Under the heading "CEMA: Integration in Action" by I.D. Vorona, head of the Geology Department of the CEMA Secretariat entitled "Geologists' Cooperation" about cooperation among the socialist bloc's geologists, writes: "The main efforts of the countries which engage in cooperation are focused on exploration and prospecting for the main minerals, including minerals which are in short supply. This cooperation is based on forecasts of the long-term development of the mineral and raw material base and on efforts to cover the CEMA countries' rational requirements as regards minerals.

"One of the key avenues of the work of the CEMA standing commission for cooperation in GEOLOGY is the study of the natural laws governing the formation and location of oil and gas deposits which includes totaling up and reassessing estimated reserves every 5 years. As a result, 11 oil and gas basins have been identified on the territories of the European CEMA countries including western parts of the USSR and the SFRY and a quantitative evaluation of estimated oil and gas reserves down to a depth of 4,000-5,000 meters and to a depth of 7,000 meters has been carried out. During the last 15 years proven oil and gas reserves in a number of these countries have increased which has made it possible to increase extraction or to maintain it at the previous level. For instance, around 200 hydrocarbon raw material deposits have been discovered and reserves of natural gas have increased markedly in Bulgaria, Hungary, the GDR, Poland, Czechoslovakia and western parts of the USSR."

Estimated reserves of coal in more than 500 basins and deposits have been totaled up including those located at great depths and in complex geological conditions. The most favorable sectors have been identified and earmarked for priority development.

In forecasting the structure of their fuel and energy balance for the foreseeable future, many CEMA countries envisage a greater role for coal. Alternative energy sources--bituminous shale and geothermal waters--are also being studied.

Prospecting for iron, manganese, chromium, copper, lead, bauxite, mercury, antimony, and magnesites has been carried out in the Carpathians and the Caucasus using fundamentally new space and aerial geological survey methods, modern computer equipment and regional forecasting techniques.

Scientific and technical cooperation accounts for more than 50 percent of the volume of the joint work carried out within the framework of the commission. More than 40 national scientific research and design and development organizations take part in this cooperation.

Much attention is being paid to geological prospecting work in fraternal socialist countries outside the continent of Europe.

An international geological expedition has been at work in Mongolia since 1975. As a result three fluorite deposits have been discovered, and ores including polymetals, tungsten, molybdenum, silver and gold have been detected; a geological map and a mineral deposit map have been compiled. Among the deposits evaluated and prospected by the expedition the Undur-Tsagan molybdenum and tungsten deposit, the Mungun-Undur silver and polymetal deposit and two fluorite deposits in the North Kerulen region are of considerable commercial interest.

Since 1979 an international expedition has been prospecting for nickel, copper, chromites, polymetals, phosphates, and asbestos in Cuba.

Under an agreement signed in 1980 joint prospecting work in the SRV has led to the discovery of promising areas as regards bauxites and shows of tungsten, molybdenum and rock crystal.

In the seventies multilateral scientific research cooperation was developed under programs such as the Intermorgeo, the Intergeotekhnika, Geoinform, and Interneftegaz.

Under an agreement between the GDR, Poland and the USSR the Petrobaltik organization is prospecting for oil and gas on the Baltic shelf. The first positive results have been obtained.

In the southern part of the Black Sea shelf the USSR and Bulgaria are jointly prospecting for ores and construction materials and continuing their work in the search for oil and gas.

In the coming 5-year period it is planned to "step up cooperation in geological studies of member countries' territories including the SRV, Cuba and Mongolia and to build up their mineral and raw material potential in the interests of meeting the needs of individual countries and the community as a whole," the article states in conclusion.

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# ALMA-ATA LASER DEVICE MEASURES CRUSTAL MOVEMENT

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[Summary] Leningrad and Novosibirsk scientists have developed a laser device which reacts to the slightest tectonic movements of the earth's crust. The device has started operating at the Alma-Ata geophysical observatory in Medeo. To cut out external interference, scientists have immured the device in a drift hollowed out in a mountain; the temperature is constant there. The super-sensitive device reacts to oscillations in a broad range. Combined to form a single system, such devices make it possible to register any distortion of the earth's crust, assess the influence of lunar and solar induced tides on it and other factors.

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CHRONOSTRATIGRAPHY OF SEDIMENTARY BASINS ON NORTH BERING SHELF

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[Abstract] A method has been developed to test the results of chronostratigraphic analysis, based on the empirically established functional relationship between lateral dimensions of subdivisions and absolute elevations of sea level at the maxima of transgressions during their accumulation. The seismo-facial specifics of cross-sections in the sedimentary basins of the north Bering shelf are described and regional graphs of relative changes in sea level are presented. A linear and directly proportional variation is observed between lateral displacements of sectional subdivisions and absolute sea levels at the transgression maxima. No description of the procedures for chronostratigraphic analysis is given. Figures 3; references 14: 8 Russian, 6 Western.

[12-6508]

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TECTONICS AND GEOLOGICAL NATURE OF THE ASIAN-PACIFIC OCEAN TRANSITION ZONE

Novosibirsk TIKHOOKEANSKAYA GEOLOGIYA in Russian No 3, May-Jun 85 (manuscript received 13 Dec 83) pp 3-15

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[Abstract] The borders of the East Asian Seas consist of uncompensated Epimesozoic platforms laid down in the Eocene and Oligocene periods on a heterogeneous, primarily continental base. This article discusses the area extending from the outer edges of the deep-water trenches approximately to the coast line. This includes the structures of Koryak and Kamchatka plus



the deep-water trenches, island arcs and marginal seas. Geophysical data, deep-water drilling and dredging data indicate that the area consists of the flooded eastern margin of the continent with essentially continental crust, where neoplatform, island arc deep-water trenches were formed during various periods of the Cenozoic. The formations continue to develop at the present time. A significant portion of the transition zone was formed under dilatational conditions accompanied by heating of the deeper zones and activation of tectonic processes. Figures 6; references 48: 43 Russian, 5 Western.  
[12-6508]

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SEISMIC MODEL OF CRUST IN ASIAN-PACIFIC OCEAN TRANSITION ZONE OF KAMCHATKA

Moscow VULKANOLOGIYA I SEYSMOLOGIYA in Russian No 4, Jul-Aug 85 (manuscript received 26 Jul 84) pp 83-90

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[Abstract] Data from deep seismic soundings are used to construct a basic velocity model of the crust in the transition zone from the Pacific Ocean to the Asian continent near Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy. The crust and upper mantle in the transition zone feature a contrasting, stratal-block structure dominated by fault tectonics, with individual blocks clearly differing in structure and velocity characteristics. The crust in the area of contemporary volcanic activity has a number of peculiarities including a complex heterogeneous structure of the Cretaceous basement, relatively elevated (in the crust) and reduced (in the upper mantle) mean velocities, velocity inversions throughout the crust due to complex alternations of sedimentary-volcanic and intrusive rock, areas of hydrothermal change and the presence of various types of magmatic foci. The crust-mantle transition zone beneath volcanic regions shows reduced velocities in comparison with the nearby nonvolcanic regions. Figures 4; references: 15 Russian.  
[16-6508]

THERMOGENIC STRUCTURES AND SEARCH CRITERIA FOR LATENT HYDROTHERMAL SYSTEMS  
NEAR PETROPAVLOVSK-KAMCHATSKIY

Moscow VULKANOLOGIYA I SEYSMOLOGIYA in Russian No 4, Jul-Aug 85 (manuscript  
received 5 Feb 85) pp 68-82

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[Abstract] Previous studies developing the concepts of volcanic centers as autonomous volcanic-plutonic-tectonic structures have clarified the role of hydrothermal processes in these centers. The regularities of localization and development of hydrothermal systems are at the same time criteria in the search for such centers. These criteria can be subdivided into structural, environmental and material. This article studies only structural criteria: the general geodynamic state of the region, dome structures, reaction of the medium to local increases in density of the endogenous flux of matter and energy, depressions in dome arches, rifts or grabens, deep fractures within volcanic centers and such volcanic apparatus as slag and lava cones, stratovolcanoes and extrusions. Structural analysis of the territory adjacent to Avachinskaya Bay reinforces the concept of a caldera nature of the bay. A complex concentric-zonal structure of dome-caldera type typical for a volcanic center was observed in the region for the first time. The continuing endogenous activity of the Avachinskaya volcanic center in the form of tectonic movement, seismicity and the presence of Holocene volcanic apparatus indicates the probable entry of the center into a stage of hydrothermal activity. Reserves of thermal water accumulated during the Quaternary in the Avachinskaya depression under favorable hydrogeological conditions can provide practically inexhaustible energy resources for the area. Radial and circular faults forming the structure of the Avachinskaya volcanic center could form an additional thermal water deposit. The most promising area for prospecting drilling for thermal water is near Yelizovo in the Pinachevsko-Aagskiy graben. Figures 6; references: 17 Russian. [16-6508]

THERMOHYDRODYNAMIC MODELS AND THEIR APPLICATION TO STUDY OF HYDROTHERMAL  
SYSTEMS

Moscow VULKANOLOGIYA I SEYSMOLOGIYA in Russian No 4, Jul-Aug 85 (manuscript  
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[Abstract] An analysis is presented of the ability of modeling to deepen knowledge concerning the formation of hydrothermal systems in volcanic areas

and of hydrothermal processes as a whole, using the Pauzhetskaya structure on Kamchatka as an example. The models studied cover the supply of heat and water to the northern portion of the deposit as well as the hydrodynamic and thermohydrodynamic processes. One- and two-layer models are used, yielding new information on the subterranean water resources arriving from surrounding rock deposits and deeper structures. The use of thermohydrodynamic models in this area shows their effectiveness for the collection of information on geothermal phenomena in areas of hydrothermal processes and the distribution of permeability within these areas, the natural flow of hydrothermal water and thermal water resources, as well as the most probable sources of supply of heat and water for hydrothermal processes. The reliability of predictions made by modeling is largely determined by the concepts used as the basis of the models. Thermohydrodynamic models, particularly numerical ones, are effective tools for the analysis of known concepts and sources for new concepts. Figures 6; references 18: 16 Russian, 2 Western. [16-6508]

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#### PRECURSORS OF VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS

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[Abstract] A discussion is presented of the precursors of volcanic eruptions, an area previously little discussed in the literature. The article is limited to an analysis of the precursors related to the activity of central polygenic and secondary volcanoes on the surface. A classification of precursors is presented, and areas of manifestations and times of advance appearance of eruptions are discussed. Of all the precursors discussed, the most useful for short-term prediction are earthquakes, which yield the most complete information on processes occurring within a volcano before its eruption. Due to the great variety of volcano types and eruption types, precursors should be sought using geophysical, geochemical, geothermal and geological methods. Only such a combined approach can provide reliable prediction of eruptions. Figures 4, tables 3; references 16: 12 Russian, 4 Western. [16-6508]

## SPECIFICS OF ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELD OF MULTIPLE-SPACED ARRAYS OF FREQUENCY SOUNDING AND RESISTIVITY DETECTORS OVER HORST

Moscow IZVESTIYA AKADEMII NAUK SSSR: FIZIKA ZEMLI in Russian No 7, Jul 85  
(manuscript received 25 Jan 82) pp 51-59

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[Abstract] Methods of physical modeling are used to study the behavior of various components of the electromagnetic field of an electrical dipole over a two-dimensional model of a projection in a nonconducting base, using an electrolytic model. The width of the projection was variable,  $L/h_1=3.57-10.7$ . The remote sounding installations were located at  $r/h_1=1.43-14.3$ . Two-dimensional structures at the reference level can be located in the geoelectric cross-section and contoured by this method. Placement of the supply dipole over or near the heterogeneity is an obstacle to location of heterogeneities near the receiving dipole. Quantitative interpretation of the results produced is possible only for a system of observations from several places with different positions of the supply dipole. Figures 6; references: 3 Russian.

MAGNETOTELLURIC SOUNDINGS AT  $10^{-3}-10^4$  S IN MURMANSK BLOCK OF KOLA PENINSULA AND CENTRAL KARELIA

Moscow IZVESTIYA AKADEMII NAUK SSSR: FIZIKA ZEMLI in Russian No 6, Jun 85  
(manuscript received 26 Apr 84) pp 48-56

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[Abstract] Soundings over the broad interval of periods mentioned in the title were performed in two regions--the central Murmansk block of the Kola peninsula between the Teriberka and Voronya rivers, where studies were previously performed, and central Karelia near Tiksha and Muyezero. A crustal conductive layer with a longitudinal conductivity of 20-50 Sm was observed at a depth of 10 km in the former area, 14 km in the latter. A second conductive boundary was found at a depth of 30-80 km in the former area, 16-150 km in the latter. Reduced resistivity in the upper Precambrian crust is not a rare phenomenon. The position of the conductive layer in the crust of the two regions on the Baltic shield coincides with the position of an intermediate layer, not seen on seismic velocity profiles, but distinguished practically throughout the area. The nature of the layer is not yet known. Figures 6, tables 1; references 18: 16 Russian, 2 Western.  
[14-6508]

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POSSIBILITY OF STUDYING FINE STRUCTURE OF SPECTRUM OF PARTICLE SIZES BY  
INVERSION OF OPTICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Moscow IZVESTIYA AKADEMII NAUK SSSR: FIZIKA ATMOSFERY I OKEANA in Russian  
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[Abstract] Optical methods for studying the microstructure of the atmospheric aerosol allow determination of the spectrum of particles in their natural state. If a set of particle-size distribution functions is obtained for the same location at different times it becomes possible to interpret the time variability of the microstructure by applying the aerosol kinetics equation, which relates the time variation in the particle-size spectrum to thermodynamic parameters of the atmosphere and therefore allows these parameters to be estimated based on optical atmospheric soundings. This article studies a few aspects of this problem related to the requirements which must be satisfied by optical methods and techniques of inversion of optical data. Methods of optical sounding of atmospheric aerosol are applicable to studies of transformation of the particle-size spectrum and, consequently, the inverse problem for the aerosol kinetics equation is quite regular. Figures 4; references 6: 5 Russian, 1 Western.  
[10-6508]

## NUMERICAL STUDY OF LIDAR SIGNAL FLUCTUATIONS CAUSED BY LARGE-SCALE ATMOSPHERIC AEROSOL HETEROGENEITIES

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[Abstract] In most cases statistical information on the optical parameters of the atmosphere used in calculating the operating quality of optical radar (lidar) systems is rather general. Large-scale fluctuations in atmospheric parameters usually have significant variation coefficients, the fluctuations in optical parameters of the atmosphere in some cases reaching significant values. In such cases the use of the normal law to describe the fluctuations of positively defined parameters is impossible. This article gives the derivation of expressions for the mean value and correlation functions of an optical radar signal under such conditions, comparing the results obtained for weak and strong fluctuations. The distribution of fluctuations in a lidar signal is analyzed. A sample analysis demonstrates that the distribution of a lidar signal is most critical with respect to spatial distribution of the atmospheric aerosol, deviations of the distribution from the log normal occurring only for scales of spatial heterogeneities comparable with the length of the lidar path. Figures 4, references 9 Russian.  
[10-6508]

## SPATIAL AND TEMPORAL STRUCTURE OF TEMPERATURE FIELD IN ATMOSPHERIC SURFACE LAYER

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[Abstract] A study is made of variation of asymmetry and excess as a function of height above the surface for a broader range of altitudes than in previous works, and variation of asymmetry with stratification parameters. The temporal structural functions of orders 2 to 6 are measured. The asymmetry, excess and other temporal difference characteristics are compared with similar characteristics of spatial differences. Anisotropy of the temperature field is found with nonequilibrium stratification for all distances up to the order of magnitude of the internal scale of turbulence. Figures 4, tables 2; references 8: 5 Russian, 3 Western.  
[10-6508]

## RESONANT PHENOMENA IN SEISMOIONOSPHERIC INTERACTIONS

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[Abstract] A model of an equivalent oscillating circuit is used to study seismoionospheric oscillations excited by sources of current located within the earth's crust during tectonic movements associated with earthquakes. Fractures of the crust are considered to form sources of current several tens of kilometers in length. These sources induce electrical discharges at the earth's surface. The appearance of secondary effects in the ionosphere may be related to excitation of natural oscillations of the local earth-ionosphere circuit as a result of large-scale seismic processes. Excitation of natural oscillations of this circuit is the only possible cause of notable heating and supplementary ionization of the ionosphere in such cases. Changes in the slope angle of magnetic lines of force to the horizon or in the plane of the magnetic meridian relative to the electric field line of the seismic source are not considered in the analysis presented here. Figure 1, references 6: 5 Russian, 1 Western.  
[14-6508]

## QUALITATIVE METHODS IN PHYSICS OF LASER HEATING OF METALS IN AIR

Moscow IZVESTIYA AKADEMII NAUK SSSR: FIZIKA in Russian Vol 49, No 6, Jun 85  
pp 1046-1053

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[Abstract] The combustion of metals under the influence of radiation, an important problem in laser thermochemistry, is examined. The solution of this problem required a detailed study of nonlinear boundary-value problems of a nontraditional type. The study made it possible to clarify the most important qualitative aspects of laser heating of metals in the air. A study was made of the heating of a metal sample occupying a half-space  $z \gg 0$  by a beam of laser radiation with a stipulated intensity distribution, the parameters  $I_0$  and  $r_0$  determining the amplitude and effective width of the beam. A system of equations is written for the change in the temperature of matter. The properties of the temperature field in matter are dependent to a high degree on the presence or absence of stationary solutions of the system of equations (boundary-value problem). The principal properties of stationary states are

examined and the four principal results of study of stationary states are given (a review of earlier work by F. V. Bunkin and his colleagues: KVANTOVAYA ELEKTRON., Vol 9, 1982; Vol 11, 1984; DAN SSSR, Vol 279, 1984). This is followed by an examination of conditions for the monotonic and nonmonotonic stability limits and the existence of a stability boundary. This analysis of the principal properties of the temperature field in the three-dimensional problem of the laser heating of a metal sample revealed that in all cases there is a stability boundary. It was found that the behavior of the boundary and bifurcation of stationary solutions is slightly dependent on the specific details of the radiation intensity distribution and the nonlinearity structure. Procedures are given for generalizing the results. When more realistic models are considered than that considered in the article, the fundamental equations must be supplemented and the initial boundary-value problem must be modified. It must be taken into account that processes at the sample surface have their specific characteristic times. It is demonstrated that there is a stability limit above which stationary states do not exist. Figures 4; references 14: 13 Russian, 1 Western.  
[411-5303]

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# BIFURCATIONS, CATASTROPHES AND STRUCTURES IN LASER THERMOCHEMISTRY

Moscow IZVESTIYA AKADEMII NAUK SSSR: FIZIKA in Russian Vol 49, No 6, Jun 85  
pp 1054-1068

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[Abstract] The history of development of laser thermochemistry is reviewed. During 1984 more than a hundred studies in this field were published. There are three reasons for such vigorous development in this field: thermochemical processes are extremely widespread; broad practical introduction of laser thermochemistry; the close relationship of this field and fundamental scientific problems lying at the forefront of present-day research in physics. A fundamental discovery was that virtually any chemical medium in which the self-organization phenomenon is initially absent acquires a capacity for self-organization if it is placed in a field of laser radiation. The range of problems dealt with in laser thermochemistry is constantly expanding. New ideas and new objects of research are appearing. Each passing year it is becoming more difficult to select from the literature those studies which are most important for the further development of laser thermochemistry. This review and analysis of the literature is a further continuation of earlier articles of a similar nature published annually in the same journal by the same authors (IZV. AN SSSR: SER. FIZ., Vol 45, p 1018, 1981; Vol 46, p 1150, 1982; Vol 47, p 2000, 1983; Vol 48, p 1485, 1984). The new article is for the most part devoted to the results of research in which the authors themselves directly participated (at least 10 publications by the authors are listed in the bibliography). This is in essence a review of the qualitative aspects of



heating of matter in the case of surface absorption of laser radiation. It is clear that new types of qualitative behavior appear when laser radiation acts on transparent media, when the absorption coefficient is not too great and radiation penetrates a sufficiently great depth in matter. Under the influence of radiation there is a change in the optical characteristics of matter (absorption and refraction coefficients) and the conditions for the propagation of radiation in the medium change. This sort of problem in laser thermochemistry has a number of specific aspects in comparison with traditional problems in nonlinear optics. Figures 4; references 48: 40 Russian, 8 Western.  
[411-5303]

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#### SOME RESULTS OF EXPERIMENTAL STUDIES OF ICE COVER MECHANICAL PROPERTIES

Moscow MEKHANIKA TVERDOGO TELA in Russian No 2, Mar-Apr 85 (manuscript received 4 Apr 84) pp 182-191

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[Abstract] The dynamics of a number of fundamental ice cover processes has never been fully clarified. These involve determination of stress and strain curves, influence of different factors on the mechanical properties of ice and methods for determining the mechanical properties of the ice cover. The in situ and laboratory experiments described in this article constitute some contribution to the needed clarification. The materials presented suggest that the ice cover can be regarded as a plate of nonuniform thickness without clearly expressed interfaces but with substantially different mechanical properties (density, structure and temperature of the layers). When determining mechanical characteristics of the ice cover it is not air temperature which is of such great importance as the temperature distribution in the ice thickness, which (all other conditions being equal), is determined by the prehistory of multiday air temperature changes. Any model representation of the ice cover as a uniform plate is inadequate. In the ice cover there is a quasi-equilibrium of the stressed-strained state (there are constantly changing fields of stresses, strains and temperatures); moreover, relaxation of stress accompanies formation of fissures. Due to the great non-uniformity of the ice cover there will be an asymmetric shape of the stress curve. In any case, for many practical problems the mechanical properties of the thin upper layer of the ice cover are of decisive importance. The method of a free-falling indenter supplied with a piezoelectric accelerometer can be used not only in studying the mechanical properties of the ice cover, but also the mechanism of its destruction. In particular, using interchangeable tips it is possible to simulate interaction between the ice cover and engineering structures. Figures 12, tables 1; references 8: 7 Russian, 1 Western.  
[375-5303]

## ARCTIC AND ANTARCTIC RESEARCH

### DEEP ANTARCTIC BORING YIELDS ANCIENT SAMPLES

Moscow WORLD SERVICE in English

[Text] Soviet experts boring in the Antarctic have reached the record mark of 2,200 m. The samples they obtained contain microscopic bubbles of air, bacteria, volcanic ash and space dust about 110,000 years old. As researchers study them they obtain more information to clarify the hypothesis of the origin of life on earth.

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## IL-14 PLANES DETERMINE ARCTIC ICE CHARACTERISTICS

Moscow TASS in English 1141 GMT 23 Aug 85

[Text] Leningrad. Specialists of the Soviet Ice Reconnaissance Service who started today the strategic survey of the Soviet Arctic sector are to fly over a territory of 5 million square kilometers between the Eurasian coast and the central polar basin.

The task of the expedition which has at its disposal two specially equipped "IL-14" planes is to draw up maps of the distribution of ice fields and to forecast probable conditions for autumn navigation along the Northern Sea Route--the shortest navigable sea lane connecting northern European ports and the Pacific Ocean. By the end of the month planes of the ice reconnaissance service will fly hundreds of hours over the Arctic and will cover many thousands of kilometers. It is planned to fly to the North Pole--the top of the globe, in order to drop mail to polar explorers on the drifting research stations "North Pole--26" and "North Pole-27."

Ice reconnaissance has become an indispensable part of the scientific exploration of the Arctic and of practical navigation along the Northern Sea Route--the longest national sea lane. Hydrologists have developed a method of the accurate measurement from the plane of the strength, age and state of the ice cover. Ice reconnaissance planes annually cover hundreds of thousands of kilometers. They make strategic surveys of the route, do the tactical reconnaissance by flying in front of convoys, give take-off orders to helicopters stationed on icebreakers. Ice reconnaissance ensured the success of the voyage by the "Arktika" nuclear-powered icebreaker to the North Pole in August 1977, helped pilot out dozens of ships caught in heavy ice off the Chukotka coasts two years ago and made it possible to start nearly round-the-year navigation in the Kara Sea.

Today ice reconnaissance pilots rely not only on their experience, but also on sophisticated instruments which are capable of determining ice characteristics from high altitude, in the darkness of the polar night, under any weather conditions. The new multi-purpose plane "AN-74" will soon be put into service in the Arctic. It will be able to fly with a wheel or a ski undercarriage and to take off from unprepared ground and drifting ice.

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## ANTARCTIC RESEARCHERS

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[Summary] Leningrad. The new research season has begun in the Prince Charles Mountains, in Mac Robertson Land, Eastern Antarctic. Having de-mothballed the scientific station, geologists and geophysicists of the 31st Soviet Antarctic Expedition have started their work. The region adjoining the Lambert glacier shelf is known for the rare combination of ancient crystalline rocks of the Antarctic crust and comparatively young sedimentary strata, enabling the geological history of the continent to be studied. "In addition, Soviet scientists have here discovered and mapped promising deposits of valuable ores, minerals and coal." Professor Yevgeniy Korotkevich, leader of the Soviet Antarctic program, says that at the height of the summer research season--which has begun earlier than usual this year--over 100 scientists and specialists have been ferried to the Antarctic by the Leningrad-Antarctic air bridge. A radiogram has been received announcing the arrival at Komsomolskaya station, 1,000 km from the coast, of a convoy of 14 caterpillar-tracked cross-country vehicles with trailers and caravans on runners, transporting the research group and aviation specialists, who are to equip the airstrip to receive the flying laboratory aircraft. The convoy continued its way to the Vostok station. Several more such convoys with scientific groups of geophysicists, magnetologists, and glaciologists are preparing to leave Mirnyy observatory. Meanwhile, the diesel-electric "Kapitan Gotskiy" left for Antarctica, the latest of the Soviet Antarctic fleet of seven ships of varying types.

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# 31ST SOVIET ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION

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[Summary] The 31st Soviet Antarctic Expedition is preparing for the long journey to Antarctica, where participants will conduct major scientific and transport operations. Around 1,300 scientists of various kinds have been involved in it. They will engage in observations in the field of aerometeorology, geophysics, glaciology, oceanography, biology and other earth sciences. Crossings of the continents by trains of sleds and tracked vehicles and research into a new method of building moorings on ice barriers are planned. "Colleagues from the GDR will stay on to winter at the seven permanent Soviet south polar stations in addition to our scientists."

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ANTARCTIC CRUISE PLANS OF RESEARCH SHIPS 'VIZE' AND 'ZUBOV'

Moscow VODNYY TRANSPORT, 21 Nov 85 p 4

[Article by G. Bregman]

[Excerpt] The scientific ship "Professor Vize," which is enlisted in the 31st Soviet Antarctic Expedition (SAE), is on its way from Leningrad to the southern oceans, for the 13th time. A motor ship of the same type, the "Professor Zubov," will soon leave the Neva harbor. It will be making its 12th Antarctic cruise.

"These vessels' long voyages are connected, as before, with learning more about natural processes and phenomena occurring in the Far South," related N. Kornilov, deputy director of the Arctic and Antarctic Scientific Research Institute, in an interview with our correspondent. "A special scientific program, 'Polyarnyy eksperiment--Yug' (POLEKS--Yug), was drafted at our institute. This program inaugurated a new stage in the comprehensive study of the vast area of waters of the southern oceans, beginning in 1975.

"During the past 10 years, participants in cruises of the 'Professor Vize' and 'Professor Zubov' have studied energy exchange and large-scale interaction between the ocean and the atmosphere, the structure and dynamics of the Antarctic Circumpolar Current, the mechanism of formation of bottom and intermediate waters and their role in the ocean's global circulation, features of hydrologic and ice conditions, floor relief, biological resources...

"Soviet scientists and seamen will now operate in a region that is completely new to them. It is the western part of the Pacific sector of the Antarctic. Under the command of captains Yu. Burmistrov and V. Uzolin, the expeditionary vessels 'Professor Vize' and 'Professor Zubov' will visit this region at two stages of their cruise.

"In line with the 'POLEKS--Yug' program, hydrologic, geophysical, hydrobiological and other investigations will take place in the water-circulation area of Ross Sea. They will be under the direction of S. Pryamikov, a young polar oceanographer. In difficult navigation conditions, the vessels' crews will support not only diverse studies but also transport operations at a number of permanent Soviet scientific bases located in various places on the Antarctic coast, in line with the plans of the 31st SAE."

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WORK OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ICEBREAKER 'SHMIDT' DESCRIBED

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[Excerpt] The "Otto Shmidt," flagship of the Soviet Arctic scientific research fleet and the country's first scientific research icebreaker, came off the slips of the Admiralty Shipbuilding Association five years ago. It has already traveled thousands of miles in the Arctic and has gathered unique scientific information in line with assignments from the Murmansk Territorial Administration for Hydrometeorology and Environmental Control.

I visited the icebreaker in the port of Murmansk after it had returned from a three-month cruise in the Kara Sea.

"Our main purpose is to conduct oceanographic research in areas of the polar seas where ice formation takes place," stated A. P. Nikolayets, the vessel's captain. "The icebreaker performs excellently in these areas. It is truly a ship of science, equipped with the latest in technology."

We toured the ship and looked inside its laboratories. There are 14 in all on board the icebreaker. In these laboratories, scientists perform various types of meteorological, hydrochemical and hydrologic research, and process the data that are obtained, using computers. One of these laboratories is intended for preserving ice. A specially maintained temperature permits the study of Arctic ice in natural conditions. The lifespan of ice is one of the main polar riddles which scientists of the 'Otto Shmidt' are trying to solve.

"You won't see anything like this on any other vessel," said the captain. We were approaching a shaft which passes through the whole body of the ship and is essentially an elevator that runs to the seabed. Various scientific instruments can be lowered through this shaft in polar ice.

B. A. Novikov, assistant captain in charge of scientific work, related that the "Otto Shmidt" has already provided a considerable amount of valuable information for science and for preparing weather forecasts in the area of the Northern Sea Route.

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